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SENATE MEETING
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The meeting was called to order by President Fairchild with all members present except Mr. Orr, who was excused.

Dean De Young called attention to the fact that it might be necessary to schedule fewer upperclass sections for the second semester to make it possible to take care of more freshman sections. He anticipates that there may be an additional two hundred students enrolled at that time. In planning schedules for the second semester, work for late afternoon, evening, and Saturday classes should be kept in mind. Work concerning the extension program should be discussed with Mr. Orr. The adult education classes are not a part of the regular school load. There may be some demand for refresher courses, especially so far as veterans are concerned. It is hoped that the schedule for the second semester will be completed by December 4 so that programming for the second semester can be done during December and January. There will be no mid-semester offerings. In connection with the programming for the second semester, Mr. Carrington suggested that it would be a great help so far as student teaching work is concerned if seniors could be programmed first.

The President, who had been in Springfield all day, reported that work has been started in connection with the budget for the next biennium. The budget as to form is being considered by the Finance Department and on October 10 will be considered on our campus by the Advisory Committee of the Teachers College Board. On Sunday, October 13, at DeKalb there will be a meeting of the Budget Committee of the Teachers College Board and the presidents in connection with the budget. On Monday, October 14, it will be considered by the Board as a whole, after which it will go to the Budgetary Commission. It will then be ready for the Appropriations Committee of the House or Senate, wherever it is to be introduced. After the committees of the House and Senate and the two Houses have taken action, the budget goes to the Governor.

The President made the following requests and announcements:

1. Faculty checks will probably be a week late, but it is hoped that after this time they can again be received on the first of each month.
2. The faculty meeting minutes have been very late because of having to wait for mimeograph paper, which when it finally arrived today was of extremely poor quality.
3. The response to the Community Chest notices has been slow. Heads of departments may be able to help in this matter in calling attention to staff members the fact that pledges may be made at this time even though it is not possible because of late checks to make payment now.
4. The meeting of the Illinois Schoolmasters Club will be held on Friday, October 4, at Peoria. President Stoddard of the University of Illinois will be the evening speaker. Those men interested in attending may see Mr. Carrington concerning transportation.
5. At the December meeting of the Senate consideration will be given to the school calendar for the year 1947-48. It has been found that the calendar has been a week short as the result of a change which was made a few years ago in the Spring Vacation. It will be necessary to give consideration to lengthening the school year or having a shorter vacation in the spring. The results of the vote concerning the intersession will be announced at the December meeting.

6. Registration, now at the 1800 mark, is closed except for cases approved by the Dean in advance where students could not register by this time because of illness. Our registration is minus 9 per cent of the previous highest enrollment. All of the other teachers colleges in Illinois range from a plus 5 to plus 25 per cent higher than their previous highest enrollment. Carbondale has 1900 men out of a total enrollment of 2700. Somewhere between 1200 and 1300 students at Carbondale are registered in the teacher education program.

7. Those in charge of the government housing units are having delays and difficulties caused largely by inability to secure necessary materials. With reference to housing in homes, there is no doubt but that some good students were lost because they were discouraged with reference to the possibility of locating housing. While the textbook situation on this campus is bad, it is much worse in many other colleges and universities.

8. Portable blackboards will be available soon to those who need them.

9. Interesting courses will be available in the adult education classes, and they will be announced soon. All departments are urged to cooperate with Mr. Harper in providing adult education classes.

10. At the assemblies on Wednesday, October 2, there will be different speakers at each assembly from the Inter-Racial Conference being held in Bloomington. On October 23, Dr. Channing Liem of China will be the speaker. On November 13, Mr. Harold Schellenger will speak. Mr. Schellenger, who is president of the American College Public Relations Association, and Director of Public Relations at Ohio State University, will also speak to the faculty at its meeting on November 12 and to interested members of the faculty after dinner on the same evening.

11. The November meeting of the Senate will not be held since the President will be on his vacation from October 26 to November 11.

12. The next regular meeting of the faculty will be held on Tuesday, October 8, at 4 p.m. in Capen Auditorium.

13. A sub-committee of the Public Relations Committee has been appointed to evaluate the entire public relations program of the school.

14. With reference to the improvement of instruction, which was discussed a great deal last year, it is expected that heads of departments will do something in a constructive way. Heads of departments are asked to turn in to the President's office not later than October 22 an outline of the things they have done or are doing bearing on the improvement of instruction and to indicate plans for the future in this connection. At a later date inquiry sheets will be made available, the results of which will make possible suggestions that may be applicable in other departments.

15. The faculty is not yet complete, but an effort is constantly being made to secure the additional members needed.

President Fairchild introduced Miss Frieda Grieder, Assistant Dean of Women and Director of Fell Hall, and Miss Marie Dirks, head of the Home Economics Department, who are new members of the Senate. He also introduced Mr. Browne, who is a new member of the Senate but not new to the campus.

Mr. Browne and Dean De Young will attend a meeting of the Tax Commission to be held at the University of Illinois on Tuesday evening, October 1.

Mr. Houston asked the cooperation of faculty members in not calling high school students out of classes or the library as much as is being done at present. He hopes that coordinators of student teaching and others concerned will find it possible to plan their work in advance so that class work and library work need not be interrupted.

President Fairchild called attention to the fact that the Metcalf Building should not be made a thoroughfare and urged the cooperation of departments with the high school administration.

Mr. Larsen reminded the group that requests for new graduate courses should be turned in to the President not later than November 15. President Fairchild reminded Miss French that material concerning graduate offerings in the Department of Health and Physical Education for Women should be prepared before November 15.

The meeting adjourned.

Elsie Brenneman, Secretary